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1. The Chinese Communists are building an airfield at Tat'un (大屯), approximately 10 miles west of Changchun, Manchuria. Construction began at the end of November and 6,000 laborers are employed on the project. Approximately two-thirds of a mile north of Tat'un an underground hangar is being built which will accommodate 150 aircraft and 5,000 drums of gasoline.*
2. The expansion of Sian (108-54, 34-16) Airfield has been completed. The field is approximately one-half mile outside the West Gate and has two concrete runways, each approximately 13,000 feet long, 130 feet wide, and capable of handling B-29 type bombers.*** At the south end of the field is a gasoline dump painted grey and resembling an ordinary building from the air. At the northeast corner of the field are barracks, offices, cooperative stores, and a club house. At the north end of the field are the control tower and radio room. All munitions for the field are stored at a village approximately two miles to the west. Two battalions of Chinese Communist troops guard the field.
3. Lanchou (103-41, 36-03) Airfield has four main runways and one auxiliary runway, their lengths ranging from 10,000 to 1,300 feet.*** Near the field are 8 gasoline dumps, each with a capacity of approximately 1,000 drums. Installations at the field include a control tower, radar, and night landing facilities. The field is guarded by two battalions of Chinese Communist troops.

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* 25X1A Comment. According to information available [REDACTED] there was an airfield with a runway at least 5,000 feet long at Tat'un

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(125-09, 43-46) (same characters), approximately 12 miles southwest of Changchun, as of September 1950. Possibly source is reporting improvements on this field.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ has received no previous report that there are four runways at Lanchou, however, the 10,000-foot runway seems entirely possible in the light of a report from another agency indicating a maximum possible run of 12,000 feet at this field.

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